IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Jamin Mazyck,)	C/A No.: 1:14-280-JFA-SVH
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Petitioner,)	
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vs.)	
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Adam L. Whitsett, Assistant Attorney)	ORDER
General, et al.; Chief Mernard Clarkson,)	
SCSU; David Pascoe, Solicitor Office;)	
Sgt. Gerald Carter; Sgt. Eric Baldwin;)	
Det. C. Powell; Sheriff Leroy Ravenell,)	
Orangeburg Sheriff Dept.; TRMC,)	
Health Information Management Dept.,)	
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Respondents.)	
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This is a civil action filed by a state prisoner. Therefore, in the event that a limitations issue arises, Plaintiff shall have the benefit of the holding in *Houston v. Lack*, 487 U.S. 266 (1988) (prisoner's pleading was filed at the moment of delivery to prison authorities for forwarding to District Court). Under Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(f) (D.S.C.), pretrial proceedings in this action have been referred to the assigned United States Magistrate Judge.

By order issued on February 5, 2014, the court allowed Petitioner an opportunity to bring this case into proper form for initial review. [Entry #5]. Petitioner complied with the order and the case is now in proper form.

PAYMENT OF THE FILING FEE:

By filing this case, Plaintiff has incurred a debt to the United States of America in the amount of \$350.* See 28 U.S.C. § 1914. This debt is not dischargeable in the event Plaintiff seeks relief under the bankruptcy provisions of the United States Code. See 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(17). The Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA) of 1996 permits a prisoner to file a civil action without **pre**payment of fees or security, but requires the

^{*} Effective May 1, 2013, an administrative fee of \$50 is added to the filing fee of \$350. The \$50 administrative fee, however, is <u>not</u> applicable to *in forma pauperis* cases.

prisoner "to pay the full amount of the filing fee" as funds are available. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), (b). As the court grants Plaintiff permission to proceed in forma pauperis below, the agency having custody of Plaintiff shall collect payments from Plaintiff's prisoner trust account in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1) and (2), until the full \$350 filing fee is paid. See Torres v. O'Quinn, 612 F.3d 237, 252 (4th Cir. 2010) ("We hold that 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2) caps the amount of funds that may be withdrawn from an inmate's trust account at a maximum of twenty percent regardless of the number of cases or appeals the inmate has filed.") (emphasis in original).

Plaintiff has submitted an Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs (Form AO240), which is construed as a Motion for Leave to Proceed *in forma pauperis*. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1), (2). A review of the Motion reveals that Plaintiff does not have the funds to pay the first installment of the filing fee. Therefore, the amount due from Plaintiff is currently \$350.

Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis is granted. [Entry #8].

TO THE CLERK OF COURT:

This case is subject to summary dismissal based on an initial screening conducted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915 and/or 28 U.S.C. §1915A. Therefore, the Clerk of Court shall <u>not</u> issue the summonses or forward this matter to the United States Marshal for service of process at this time.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 24, 2014 Columbia, South Carolina Shiva V. Hodges United States Magistrate Judge

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